

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 792

By Cochran

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Kayla Rushing for being honored as Girl Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Miss Kayla Rushing, an esteemed resident of Elizabethton, was recently honored as the 2005 Girl Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by Reader's Digest Foundation since its inception in 1947 and administered by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, this praiseworthy awards program recognizes superior leadership skills, academic achievement, the obstacles overcome by its award winners, and outstanding service to the Boys and Girls Club and the community; and

WHEREAS, a longtime member of the Boys and Girls Club, Kayla Rushing has distinguished herself as a positive role model for her peers since her first day as a member of the Boys and Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County; and

WHEREAS, Kayla Rushing is most grateful to the Boys and Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County for the positive impact it has made in her life by providing a safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, as the 2005 Girl Youth of the Year honoree for the Boys and Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County, Kayla will compete against Boys and Girls Club youth from across the State later this year for the august title of Tennessee Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her exemplary service with the Boys and Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County, Kayla has evidenced a stalwart commitment to public service at an early age; and

WHEREAS, she was named as Youth of the Month in each of the last three years, and has gained the respect and friendship of all those around her; and

WHEREAS, Kayla Rushing epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; she now takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Kayla Rushing who use their talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Kayla Rushing, a young person of extraordinary character, spirit, and talent, on being honored as the 2005 Girl Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County, recognize her outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.